

REMARKS

Claims 19, 22 to 33, and 37 to 53 are presently pending in the subject application. Claims 19, 22, 27, 37, and 48 are independent. Claims 23 to 26 and 37 and 38 have been withdrawn.

Claims 39 to 53 have been newly added to provide the Applicant with a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure.

Claims 39 to 53 are patentable over the cited art. Notably, with respect to new independent claim 48, none of the cited art teaches a combustible porous carrier formed by the method recited therein, and specifically, a combustible porous carrier formed by, *inter alia*, "soaking paper or a paper product in water".

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, favourable consideration, and an early Notice of Allowability. If any additional fees are required by virtue of the foregoing amendments, permission is hereby granted to debit our deposit account number 07-1750. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his office in Toronto at (416) 862-5795 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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